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Re CUSTOMER-BASED PRODUCT DESIGN MODULE  
Applicant: Daniel H. Abelow  
Application No.: 09/369,391  
Filing Date: August 6, 1999  
Country: United States  
Our Ref.: 03058-004002

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Message Per our telephone conversation this morning, attached please find a copy of the  
"Response to Action Dated December 19, 2002," dated May 23, 2003. This response  
was originally faxed to your attention on May 23, 2003 at 703-305-7687. A copy of  
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RESPONSE TO ACTION DATED DECEMBER 19, 2002

The applicant cancels claims 48-71, 73-89, 97-101 and 105-116 without prejudice to further prosecution in subsequent applications.

Claims 102 and 117 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. However, claim 102 was previously amended to independent form in the Response mailed October 29, 2002. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that the examiner's objection to claims 102 and 117 should be withdrawn. Alternatively, the applicant authorizes the examiner to amended claim 102 to independent form as presented on the following pages along with a copy of the allowed claims (claims 72, 90-96, 103 and 104) and claim 117.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 03058-004002.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pending Claims

72. A method in which a user of a commodity records value information on a client device about the commodity that is based on use of the commodity,  
the client device sends the information to a server for storage,  
the client device receives from the server additional value information recorded by other users, in response to an event based on the user's interaction with the commodity, and  
the client device presents the additional value information to the user in the course of the user's interaction with the commodity.
90. The method of claim 72 in which the device comprises software.
91. The method of claim 72 in which the device is part of the commodity.
92. The method of claim 72 in which the device stores a script for probing a user for value information.
93. The method of claim 92 in which the device receives the script from the server.
94. The method of claim 72 in which the value information guides the users interaction with the commodity.
95. The method of claim 72 in which the event is a user request.
96. The method of claim 91 in which the event is an exception resulting from use of the commodity.
103. The method of claim 72 in which the information received by the client device comprises navigational pointers.

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102. A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable,

store the received value information, and

in response to a trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems, wherein the trigger is a function of a customer valuation of the respective product, service, software, or information.

104. The method of claim 72 in which the information received by the client device comprises hypertext.

117. The system of claim 102 in which the value information obtained from the client system is obtained from passive evaluation.

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated December 19, 2002, be extended for three months to and including June 19, 2003.

Please note that applicant filed a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time on March 31, 2003 with the required \$55 fee. Therefore, applicant is paying the difference. Please apply the charge of \$410 for the required fee and any other charges to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 03058-004002.

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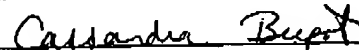
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